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## Burma - Union of

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## Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - February

### Report Categories:

Grain and Feed

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### Report Highlights:

Burma exported 169,236 metric tons of beans and pulses in February 2009, an increase of 22 percent from the same period in 2008. Trading activities for Toor Whole were active due to immediate demand from India. Volatile exchange rates led most exporters to be hesitant with future contracts.

### General Information:

#### Trade

Burma exported 169,236 tons of beans and pulses in February 2009, an increase of 22 percent from the same period in 2008, mainly attributed to increased sales to India. Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) accounted for 57 percent of the total exports, followed by Matpe with 30 percent and Mung beans with 9 percent. India remains the largest buyer accounting for 91 percent the total exports. Japan, a

regular market for Burmese Butter beans (Lima beans) imported 990 tons in February.

<b>February Beans and Pulses Exports by Destination (MT)</b>						
	<b>Butter</b>	<b>Matpe</b>	<b>Mung</b>	<b>Toor Whole</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Australia			45		48	93
Africa			4		68	72
Bangladesh			46			46
Belgium				20		20
Egypt					796	796
India		47,695	11,039	93,011	1,539	15,3284
Italy			12		10	22
Indonesia			644		24	668
Israel					44	44
Japan	990	82	10		128	1,210
Korea					110	110
Kuwait					48	48
Malaysia		216	120		24	360
Mauritius		4	10	10	48	72
Pakistan		1,341		335	1,795	3,471
Russia					133	133
Singapore		331	969	1,169	327	2,796
Sri Lanka		170	240		24	434
Saudi			96		48	144
Thailand		24	120		212	356
Taiwan			24			24
UAE		791	1,381	1,222	719	4,113
United Kingdom		39	18		23	80
Uruguay	69					69
Vietnam		48	723			771
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>50,741</b>	<b>15,501</b>	<b>95,767</b>	<b>6,168</b>	<b>169,236</b>

Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans

<b>Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
January	91,596	192,619
February	138,477	169,236

March	288,839	
April	415,895	
May	209,967	
June	211,582	
July	165,710	
August	112,897	
September	89,437	
October	44,184	
November	93,283	
December	134,319	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,861,867</b>	<b>361,855</b>
Others not included	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,861,867</b>	<b>361,855</b>

## Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met in February 2009 are:

Matpe (FAQ)	US\$ 500-550
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Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ)	US\$ 450-500
Mung beans (FAQ)(Pokkoku)	US\$ 600-650
Toor Whole red (Pigeon pea)	US\$ 550-600
Toor Whole white/red (Pigeon pea) (FAQ)	US\$ 530-550
Black eye beans (FAQ)	US\$ 450-500

Note: 1) FAQ= Fair Average Quality; SQ= Superior Quality

2) Average exchange rate in February is US \$1= Kyat 1,000

3) RC = Ready Cargo

## Export Prospects

Deliveries of new beans and pulse crop began in February. Trading activities for Toor Whole were active due to immediate demand from India. Volatile exchange rates led most exporters to be hesitant with future contracts. Trade sources reported that 1,350 tons of Matpe (raw), 292 tons of Matpe (special quality ready cargo), 500 tons of Matpe(ready cargo), 1800 tons of Mung beans and 1,620 tons of Toor Whole were traded at the Bayint Naung wholesale market in Rangoon.

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